

**U.S. District Court**  
**District of Columbia (Washington, DC)**  
**CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:16-cv-01581-JEB**

PARTNERSHIP FOR CIVIL JUSTICE FUND v. UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR et al  
Assigned to: Judge James E. Boasberg  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 08/03/2016  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
08/03/2016	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against ALL DEFENDANTS ( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-4627165) filed by PARTNERSHIP FOR CIVIL JUSTICE FUND. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons United States Department of the Interior, # <u>3</u> Summons United States General Services Administration, # <u>4</u> Summons United States Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia, # <u>5</u> Summons Attorney General of the United States)(Verheyden-Hilliard, Mara) (Entered: 08/03/2016)
08/03/2016		Case Assigned to Judge James E. Boasberg. (jd) (Entered: 08/04/2016)
08/08/2016	<u>2</u>	SUMMONS (4) Issued Electronically as to UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, UNITED STATES GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Consent Forms)(jd) (Entered: 08/08/2016)
08/11/2016	<u>3</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 8/9/2016.

		Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 9/8/2016. (Verheyden–Hilliard, Mara) (Entered: 08/11/2016)
08/11/2016	<u>4</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 08/09/2016. (Verheyden–Hilliard, Mara) (Entered: 08/11/2016)
08/11/2016	<u>5</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. All Defendants (Verheyden–Hilliard, Mara) (Entered: 08/11/2016)
08/31/2016	<u>6</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Marina Utgoff Braswell on behalf of UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, UNITED STATES GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (Braswell, Marina) (Entered: 08/31/2016)
09/08/2016	<u>7</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, UNITED STATES GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION.(Braswell, Marina) (Entered: 09/08/2016)
09/08/2016		MINUTE ORDER: The Court ORDERS that the parties shall meet, confer, and submit by September 22, 2016, a proposed briefing schedule. Signed by Judge James E. Boasberg on 09/08/2016. (lcjeb3) (Entered: 09/08/2016)
09/09/2016		Set/Reset Deadline: The parties shall meet, confer, and submit by 9/22/2016, a proposed briefing schedule. (ad) (Entered: 09/09/2016)
09/22/2016	<u>8</u>	NOTICE <i>Joint Report Pursuant to the Courts September 8, 2016, Minute Order</i> by PARTNERSHIP FOR CIVIL JUSTICE FUND (Verheyden–Hilliard, Mara) (Entered: 09/22/2016)
09/23/2016		MINUTE ORDER: Per the parties' <u>8</u> Notice, the Court ORDERS that the parties shall provide a further joint status report to the Court by December 1, 2016, which may include a proposed briefing schedule. Signed by Judge James E. Boasberg on 09/23/2016. (lcjeb3) (Entered: 09/23/2016)
09/23/2016		Set/Reset Deadline: The parties shall provide a further joint status report to the Court by 12/01/2016, which may include a proposed briefing schedule. (ad) (Entered: 09/23/2016)
12/01/2016	<u>9</u>	STATUS REPORT <i>Joint Report Pursuant to the Courts September 23, 2016, Minute Order</i> by PARTNERSHIP FOR CIVIL JUSTICE FUND (Verheyden–Hilliard, Mara) Modified event title on 12/2/2016 (znmw). (Entered: 12/01/2016)
12/02/2016		MINUTE ORDER: Per the parties' <u>9</u> Notice, the Court ORDERS that they shall provide a further joint status report by January 6, 2017, which may include a proposed briefing schedule. Signed by Judge James E. Boasberg on 12/02/2016. (lcjeb3) (Entered: 12/02/2016)
12/02/2016		Set/Reset Deadlines: A further Joint Status Report is due by 1/6/2017. (nbn) (Entered: 12/02/2016)
01/06/2017	<u>10</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT <i>Pursuant to the Court's December 2, 2016, Minute Order</i> by PARTNERSHIP FOR CIVIL JUSTICE FUND. (Verheyden–Hilliard, Mara) (Entered: 01/06/2017)
01/09/2017		MINUTE ORDER: Per the parties' <u>10</u> Notice, the Court ORDERS that they shall provide a further joint status report by February 3, 2017, which may include a proposed briefing schedule. Signed by Judge James E. Boasberg on 1/9/2017. (lcjeb3) (Entered: 01/09/2017)
01/09/2017		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 2/3/2017. (nbn) (Entered: 01/09/2017)
02/03/2017	<u>11</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT <i>Pursuant to the Court's January 9, 2017, Minute Order</i> by PARTNERSHIP FOR CIVIL JUSTICE FUND. (Verheyden–Hilliard, Mara) (Entered: 02/03/2017)
02/06/2017		MINUTE ORDER: Per <u>11</u> the parties' Joint Status Report, the Court ORDERS that the parties shall provide to the Court, on or before March 17, 2017, a report of the status of Defendants' productions and creation of <u>Vaughn</u> indexes, as well as a proposed briefing schedule or proposed schedule for further proceedings. Signed by Judge

		James E. Boasberg on 2/6/2017. (lcjeb3) (Entered: 02/06/2017)
02/06/2017		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 3/17/2017 (nbn) (Entered: 02/06/2017)
03/17/2017	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, UNITED STATES GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION. (Braswell, Marina) (Entered: 03/17/2017)
03/20/2017		MINUTE ORDER: Pursuant to the <u>12</u> Joint Status Report of March 17, 2017, the Court ORDERS that the parties shall provide a report by April 28, 2017, of the status of Defendants' productions and searches, creation of <u>Vaughn</u> indexes, if any, and proposed briefing schedule or proposed schedule for further proceedings. Signed by Judge James E. Boasberg on 3/20/2017. (lcjeb3) (Entered: 03/20/2017)
03/20/2017		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 4/28/2017. (nbn) (Entered: 03/20/2017)
04/28/2017	<u>13</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT Pursuant to the Court's March 20, 2017 Minute Order by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, UNITED STATES GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Braswell, Marina) (Entered: 04/28/2017)
04/28/2017		MINUTE ORDER: Pursuant to the <u>13</u> Joint Status Report of April 28, 2017, the Court ORDERS that the parties shall provide a further report by June 2, 2017. Signed by Judge James E. Boasberg on 4/28/2017. (lcjeb3) (Entered: 04/28/2017)
04/28/2017		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 6/2/2017. (nbn) (Entered: 04/28/2017)
06/02/2017	<u>14</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, UNITED STATES GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION. (Braswell, Marina) (Entered: 06/02/2017)
06/05/2017		MINUTE ORDER: Pursuant to the <u>14</u> Joint Status Report of June 2, 2017, the Court ORDERS that the parties shall provide a further report by June 29, 2017. Signed by Judge James E. Boasberg on 6/5/2017. (lcjeb3) (Entered: 06/05/2017)
06/05/2017		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 6/29/2017. (nbn) (Entered: 06/05/2017)
06/29/2017	<u>15</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, UNITED STATES GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION. (Braswell, Marina) (Entered: 06/29/2017)
07/03/2017		MINUTE ORDER: Per the parties' <u>15</u> Joint Status Report, (1) Defendant GSA shall file its motion for summary judgment on or before July 24, 2017; (2) Plaintiff shall file its opposition and cross-motion for summary judgment on or before August 24, 2017; (3) Defendant GSA shall file its opposition to the cross-motion and reply on or before September 18, 2017; and (4) Plaintiff shall file its reply on or before October 13, 2017. Signed by Judge James E. Boasberg on 7/3/17. (lcjeb2) (Entered: 07/03/2017)
07/03/2017		Set/Reset Deadlines: Summary Judgment motions due by 7/24/2017. Response to Motion for Summary Judgment due by 8/24/2017. Reply to Motion for Summary Judgment due by 9/18/2017. Replies due by 10/13/2017. (nbn) (Entered: 07/07/2017)
07/21/2017	<u>16</u>	Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to File <i>Dispositive Motion</i> by UNITED STATES GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (Braswell, Marina) (Entered: 07/21/2017)
07/24/2017		MINUTE ORDER GRANTING <u>16</u> Motion for Extension of Time to File. The Court ORDERS: 1) Defendant shall file its Motion for Summary Judgment on or before August 1, 2017; and 2) Plaintiff shall file its Opposition and Cross-Motion for Summary Judgment on or before September 1, 2017. Signed by Judge James E. Boasberg on 7/24/2017. (lcjeb3) (Entered: 07/24/2017)
07/24/2017		Set/Reset Deadlines: Summary Judgment motions due by 8/1/2017. Response to Motion for Summary Judgment due by 9/1/2017. (nbn) (Entered: 07/24/2017)
08/01/2017	<u>17</u>	MOTION for Partial Summary Judgment by UNITED STATES GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Travis Lewis Declaration, # <u>2</u>

		Travis Lewis Declaration – Ex. A, # <u>3</u> Travis Lewis Declaration – Ex. B)(Braswell, Marina) (Entered: 08/01/2017)
08/31/2017	<u>18</u>	Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>File Opposition and Cross–Motion for Summary Judgment</i> by PARTNERSHIP FOR CIVIL JUSTICE FUND (Verheyden–Hilliard, Mara) (Entered: 08/31/2017)
08/31/2017		MINUTE ORDER GRANTING <u>18</u> Motion for Extension of Time to File. The Court ORDERS that: 1) Plaintiff shall file its Opposition and Cross–Motion on or before September 8, 2017; 2) Defendant GSA shall file its Response and Reply on or before September 25, 2017; and 3) Plaintiff shall file its Reply on or before October 20, 2017. Signed by Judge James E. Boasberg on 8/31/2017. (lcjeb3) (Entered: 08/31/2017)
08/31/2017		Set/Reset Deadlines: Opposition due by 9/8/2017. Responses due by 9/25/2017 Replies due by 10/20/2017. (nbn) (Entered: 09/01/2017)
09/08/2017	<u>19</u>	Memorandum in opposition to re <u>17</u> MOTION for Partial Summary Judgment <i>and Cross–Motion for Summary Judgment</i> filed by PARTNERSHIP FOR CIVIL JUSTICE FUND. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Statement of Genuine Issues, # <u>2</u> Statement of Facts, # <u>3</u> Exhibit A, # <u>4</u> Exhibit B, # <u>5</u> Exhibit C, # <u>6</u> Exhibit D, # <u>7</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Verheyden–Hilliard, Mara) (Entered: 09/08/2017)
09/08/2017	<u>20</u>	CROSS MOTION for Summary Judgment by PARTNERSHIP FOR CIVIL JUSTICE FUND. (See Docket Entry <u>19</u> to view document). (znmw) (Entered: 09/11/2017)
09/22/2017	<u>21</u>	Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to File Response/Reply to <i>Cross–Motion and Opposition Brief</i> by UNITED STATES GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (Braswell, Marina) (Entered: 09/22/2017)
09/25/2017		MINUTE ORDER GRANTING <u>21</u> Motion for Extension of Time to File. The Court ORDERS that Defendant shall file its Response and Reply on or before October 13, 2017. So ORDERED by Judge James E. Boasberg on 9/25/2017. (lcjeb3) (Entered: 09/25/2017)
09/25/2017		Set/Reset Deadlines: Responses due by 10/13/2017. (nbn) (Entered: 09/25/2017)
10/10/2017	<u>22</u>	Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to File Response/Reply as to <u>20</u> MOTION for Summary Judgment, <u>17</u> MOTION for Partial Summary Judgment by UNITED STATES GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (Braswell, Marina) (Entered: 10/10/2017)
10/11/2017		MINUTE ORDER GRANTING <u>22</u> Motion for Extension of Time to File. The Court ORDERS that 1) Defendant GSA shall file its Response and Reply on or before October 31, 2017; and 2) the parties shall propose a new filing date for Plaintiff's Reply after Defendant has filed its Response. So ORDERED by Judge James E. Boasberg on 10/11/2017. (lcjeb3) (Entered: 10/11/2017)
10/11/2017		Set/Reset Deadlines: Responses due by 10/31/2017. Replies due by 10/31/2017. (nbn) (Entered: 10/11/2017)
10/30/2017	<u>23</u>	Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to File Response/Reply as to <u>20</u> MOTION for Summary Judgment, <u>17</u> MOTION for Partial Summary Judgment by UNITED STATES GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (Braswell, Marina) (Entered: 10/30/2017)
10/31/2017		MINUTE ORDER GRANTING <u>23</u> Motion for Extension of Time to File. The Court ORDERS that Defendant GSA shall file its Response and Reply on or before November 17, 2017. So ORDERED by Judge James E. Boasberg on 10/31/2017. (lcjeb3) (Entered: 10/31/2017)
10/31/2017		Set/Reset Deadlines: Responses due by 11/17/2017. (nbn) (Entered: 11/01/2017)
11/16/2017	<u>24</u>	Unopposed MOTION to Stay <i>Briefing</i> by UNITED STATES GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (Braswell, Marina) (Entered: 11/16/2017)
11/16/2017		MINUTE ORDER: The Court ORDERS that Defendant's <u>24</u> Motion is GRANTED, and the parties shall file a joint status report by December 15, 2017. So ORDERED by Judge James E. Boasberg on 11/16/2017. (lcjeb3) (Entered: 11/16/2017)



11/17/2017		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 12/15/2017 (lsj) (Entered: 11/17/2017)
12/15/2017	<u>25</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION. (Braswell, Marina) (Entered: 12/15/2017)
12/19/2017		MINUTE ORDER: Per the parties' suggestion, the Court ORDERS that they shall file a further joint status report on or before January 30, 2018. So ORDERED by Judge James E. Boasberg on 12/19/2017. (lcjeb3) (Entered: 12/19/2017)
12/19/2017		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 1/30/2018. (nbn) (Entered: 12/19/2017)
01/30/2018	<u>26</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by PARTNERSHIP FOR CIVIL JUSTICE FUND. (Verheyden-Hilliard, Mara) (Entered: 01/30/2018)
01/31/2018		MINUTE ORDER: Per the parties' suggestion, the Court ORDERS that they shall file a further joint status report on or before February 28, 2018. So ORDERED by Judge James E. Boasberg on 1/31/2018. (lcjeb3) (Entered: 01/31/2018)
01/31/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 2/28/2018 (lsj) (Entered: 01/31/2018)
02/28/2018	<u>27</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, UNITED STATES GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION. (Braswell, Marina) (Entered: 02/28/2018)
03/01/2018		MINUTE ORDER: Per the parties' suggestion, the Court ORDERS that they shall file a further joint status report on or before April 18, 2018. So ORDERED by Judge James E. Boasberg on 3/1/2018. (lcjeb3) (Entered: 03/01/2018)
03/01/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 4/18/2018 (lsj) (Entered: 03/01/2018)
04/18/2018	<u>28</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION. (Braswell, Marina) (Entered: 04/18/2018)
04/18/2018		MINUTE ORDER: Per the parties' suggestion, the Court ORDERS that they shall file a further joint status report on or before May 2, 2018. So ORDERED by Judge James E. Boasberg on 4/18/2018. (lcjeb3) (Entered: 04/18/2018)
04/18/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 5/2/2018. (znbn) (Entered: 04/19/2018)
05/02/2018	<u>29</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION. (Braswell, Marina) (Entered: 05/02/2018)
05/02/2018		MINUTE ORDER: Per the parties' suggestion, the Court ORDERS that they shall submit a proposed schedule on or before June 22, 2018. So ORDERED by Judge James E. Boasberg on 5/2/2018. (lcjeb3) (Entered: 05/02/2018)
05/02/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Proposed Schedule due by 6/22/2018. (znbn) (Entered: 05/02/2018)
06/21/2018	<u>30</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION. (Braswell, Marina) (Entered: 06/21/2018)
06/22/2018		MINUTE ORDER: Per the parties' suggestion, the Court ORDERS that they shall submit a joint status report on or before July 31, 2018. So ORDERED by Judge James E. Boasberg on 6/22/2018. (lcjeb3) (Entered: 06/22/2018)
06/22/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 7/31/2018. (znbn) (Entered: 06/22/2018)
07/31/2018	<u>31</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by PARTNERSHIP FOR CIVIL JUSTICE FUND. (Verheyden-Hilliard, Mara) (Entered: 07/31/2018)
07/31/2018		MINUTE ORDER: The Court ADOPTS the parties <u>31</u> status report and ORDERS that they shall submit a further status report on or before September 7, 2018. So ORDERED by Judge James E. Boasberg on 7/31/18. (lcjeb1) (Entered: 07/31/2018)
07/31/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 9/7/2018. (znbn) (Entered: 07/31/2018)

09/07/2018	<u>32</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by PARTNERSHIP FOR CIVIL JUSTICE FUND. (Verheyden–Hilliard, Mara) (Entered: 09/07/2018)
09/10/2018		MINUTE ORDER: Per the parties' suggestion, the Court ORDERS that they shall file a further joint status report on or before October 31, 2018. So ORDERED by Judge James E. Boasberg on 9/10/2018. (lcjeb3) (Entered: 09/10/2018)
09/10/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 10/31/2018. (znbn) (Entered: 09/10/2018)
10/31/2018	<u>33</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by PARTNERSHIP FOR CIVIL JUSTICE FUND. (Verheyden–Hilliard, Mara) (Entered: 10/31/2018)
10/31/2018		MINUTE ORDER: Per the parties' <u>33</u> Joint Status Report, the Court ORDERS that they file a further Joint Status Report by December 11, 2018. So ORDERED by Judge James E. Boasberg on 10/31/2018. (lcjeb3) (Entered: 10/31/2018)
10/31/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 12/11/2018. (znbn) (Entered: 10/31/2018)
12/11/2018	<u>34</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by PARTNERSHIP FOR CIVIL JUSTICE FUND. (Verheyden–Hilliard, Mara) (Entered: 12/11/2018)
12/11/2018		MINUTE ORDER ADOPTING the parties' <u>34</u> Joint Status Report. The Court ORDERS that they shall submit another joint status report on or before January 25, 2019. So ORDERED by Judge James E. Boasberg on 12/11/2018. (lcjeb3) (Entered: 12/11/2018)
12/11/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 1/25/2019. (znbn) (Entered: 12/13/2018)
01/24/2019	<u>35</u>	MOTION to Stay ( <i>Defendants' Motion to Stay Proceedings in Light of Lapse of Appropriations</i> ) by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, UNITED STATES GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Braswell, Marina) (Entered: 01/24/2019)
01/25/2019		MINUTE ORDER: The Court ORDERS that the Government's <u>35</u> Motion to Stay is GRANTED, and the parties shall submit a joint status report within 14 days after the restoration of appropriations. So ORDERED by Judge James E. Boasberg on 1/25/2019. (lcjeb3) (Entered: 01/25/2019)
02/08/2019	<u>36</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, UNITED STATES GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION. (Braswell, Marina) (Entered: 02/08/2019)